

WEST LAFAYETTE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
WEST LAFAYETTE CITY BUILDING
WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

TIME: 5:00 pm, Tuesday, May 15, 2012

PLACE: Lower Level Conference Room

PRESENT:	Dave Buck	Vicki Burch	Larry Wood
	David Downey	Andrew Hirsch	Jim Knapp
	Chris Leroux	Kathleen Mills	Karen O'Farrell
	Larry Preo	Eddie VanBogaert	Eric Chin
	David Christian	Carrie Ehresman	Kumares Sinha
	Boudewijn van Gelder		

VISITORS:	Ben Anderson	Kristi Smith	Michael Susong
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Chairman Sinha brought the meeting to order and determined there was a quorum. Ms. Mills made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 17th meeting. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS:

720 Northwestern PD (Old Landmark PD): Mr. Buck stated a new planned development concept has been submitted by the developers of the Landmark PD and will be going to the Area Plan Commission in June. The new name of the proposed planned development is 720 Northwestern. Mr. Buck showed a new site plan with the proposed changes. Ms. Mills asked if there was any added parking to the new proposal. Mr. Buck stated the City is encouraging timed parking and designated loading zones at the surface parking level. The new proposal calls for 467 parking spaces in the parking garage and 558 bedrooms in the apartment units. Ms. Burch stated she had received several emails from constituents opposing the old Landmark PD.

Chairman Sinha mentioned a study he had recently read regarding a student housing traffic study done by Mike Spack, PE, PTEO, of The University of Minnesota. The study states that student housing generates two-thirds less traffic than typical apartment buildings.

Traffic Calming Request at Lincoln Street Park: Mr. Buck recommended pavement markings be installed to reduce the speeding on Rose and Robinson streets. Mr. Buck stated that a "Warning Park Ahead" sign could be installed as well. Mr. Knapp recommended we monitor the traffic to see how much there is on these roads.

Innovation/Kent Stop Sign: Mr. Buck stated there is a work order in progress.

NEW BUSINESS:

CDBG Sidewalk Project - Connolly and Dehart Streets: Mr. Anderson stated Fairfield Contractors is currently working on Connolly and Dehart Streets. Mr. Anderson further stated he has had conversations with several residents in the area and they do not seem to be concerned about parking spaces being taken away, but want to know which side of the street will be affected. The residents are not opposed to this idea, but would like more information before things are completed. Mr. Buck stated that police and fire are in favor of one-sided street parking. Mr. Buck requested the commission make a motion to remove parking on one side of Connolly. Ms. Mills made the motion. Ms. Burch seconded the motion and the removal of parking along one side of Connolly was approved.

Chauncey Speed Study: Mr. Buck handed out a speed study done November 15-17, 2011. The study revealed the requirements were not met in the case of Chauncey Street to warrant further speed control on the street. Mr. Buck said the neighborhood has proposed doing a sign campaign in the yards warning drivers to drive slow and be safe. Mr. Buck recommended keeping the posted speed limit of 25 mph since a 20 mph speed limit is limited to school zones. Ms. O'Farrell asked Mr. Buck if he had sent the findings of the traffic study to the Chauncey Street residents. He answered no, but stated he would forward the report on to Councilman Peter Bunder since he lived in the area.

Purdue Construction Projects: Mr. Knapp reported that construction on campus has started. Mr. Buck handed out a city projects map and stated it was now accessible on the City's website. Projects currently ongoing in the city, county and by INDOT were discussed. Mr. Knapp stated Purdue is currently in discussions with INDOT to extend Cherry Lane all the way out to new US 231.

NEXT MEETING: 5:00 pm, Tuesday, June 19, 2012, Lower Level Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.M. Buck", written in a cursive style.

David M. Buck, P.E.
Public Works Director
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